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*Vassar Miller Poetry Award Winner*

Write you real. Me. Unreel like the tape filled with your face. The collage for the funeral.  
Write you upright. Not in the ground. Not sleep-tight. In the covers, I'm colder than you  
and the waves you thumbed through, then—Remember this: the only way to hear you (or  
me) is here—Wind up tape. *Start over.* Gape at curls, cheek. Wonder at fate and eye. You  
were—before pearled, spilt-dye, snapped from bone split round your neck. Spoke.  
Metallic language wheeled and pedaled. Pretty still, I'd bet before the creature-traveller  
and the door opened, before the voice said, *yes*, unsettled, *you*, yet—